

# HOUSE BILL No. 1503

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 36-10-3-13.

**Synopsis:** Park superintendent qualifications. Provides that a superintendent of parks and recreation must: (1) be qualified by having at least five years of full-time employment in the field of parks and recreation or a related field; or (2) be certified or have an advanced degree in the field of parks and recreation.

**Effective:** July 1, 2009.

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January 14, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government.

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Introduced

First Regular Session 116th General Assembly (2009)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 36-10-3-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 13. (a) This subsection  
3 applies to counties and towns. The board may appoint a superintendent  
4 of parks and recreation. The board may not consider political affiliation  
5 in the selection of the superintendent.

6 (b) This subsection applies to cities. If a superintendent of parks and  
7 recreation is appointed, the superintendent shall be appointed under  
8 IC 36-4-9-2 without considering political affiliation.

9 (c) If there is more than one (1) superintendent of any park or  
10 recreation department involved at the time the creating ordinance is  
11 adopted, the board may appoint only one (1) superintendent for the new  
12 department.

13 (d) The superintendent must:

14 (1) be qualified by ~~training or experience~~ **having at least five (5)**  
15 **years of full-time employment** in the field of parks and  
16 **recreation or a related field;** or

17 (2) have a certification or an advanced degree in the field of parks

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1           and recreation.  
2           (e) An incumbent performing park and recreation functions in a  
3           supervisory capacity at the time a unit adopts a creating ordinance  
4           under this chapter is eligible for appointment as superintendent or as  
5           an assistant, but ~~he~~ **the incumbent** must have the required training,  
6           experience, or certification.

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